

**South Jubilee Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Meeting April 4, 2023
Via Zoom**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Murray provided a Land acknowledgement and welcomed guests.

Update from City Neighbourhood Liaison

Michael Hill was assigned to SJNA as our new Neighbourhood Liaison in February. Michael has worked with City for the past 19 years. Welcome to Michael and a big thank you to Kimberley Stratford for her work as SJNA's liaison for the past 9 years!

- **'What's Happening' Monthly City of Victoria April Neighbourhood Update** - The new format for the monthly updates have 3 sections - a focus on the specific neighbourhood, city-wide events or topics (like Volunteer Victoria workshops for non-profits) , and global for ideas from other cities that may be of interest. **The newsletter can be found here:**
<https://southjubilee.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Jubilee-April-2023-Update.pdf>
- **Upcoming "Community of Practice" workshop on April 5** - A new series with multiple representatives from neighbourhood associations. Smaller groups will discuss topics and provide input on how to address issues in our communities.
- **My Great Neighbourhood Grant - My Great Neighbourhood Grant Program**
Provides funding up to \$7,500 for placemaking projects and community resiliency projects, and up to \$1,500 for activities. Redfern Park will be one of the projects to apply to. We are invited to apply with 3 projects in each category
- **Fort St Bike Lanes** - How will it be rolled out? Community members are encouraged to sign up for CoV newsletter via <https://engage.victoria.ca/> - or email engage@victoria.ca to ask what they are planning to do for the next 2 weeks (typical timeframe from activity).
- Re: Fort St Bike lanes and other projects: engage.victoria.ca/aaa-cycling-network
- **Park Garbage/Recycling Receptacles - Status Update Requested**
Marg will inquire about replacing current city garbage cans and upgrading to sorted bins at Redfern Park and/or Kasapi Park. This is dependent on pick up/load size. What area are you looking for - a particular area of concern Kasapi Park & Redfern - 1 week fills up. Another option to have the community manage recycling/garbage sorting was mentioned (TBD).

- **Question about deer population control** - it is not currently on council's agenda. Discussion about Oak Bay as main cause for deer population.

Update from City Council Liaison - Marg Gardiner

****Reminder to anyone contacting Marg.mgardiner@victoria.ca: please add South Jubilee to start of email subject line to streamline communication**

Marg thanked SJNA team for giving her a walking tour of the South Jubilee neighbourhood! Marg provided updates and invited questions about the following:

- **Upcoming Citizen Assembly Meeting with Saanich & Victoria**
Meeting to discuss possible amalgamation, Marg explained the process (28 representatives from Saanich & 21 from Victoria - independent group picks participants so there is a broad range). Anticipating starting in the fall and 18 months to 2 year process.
- Noted that funding has been shared between province and municipalities for the project.
- **Support of Cultural Centres/Galleries/Museums**
Discussion about what role City of Victoria has in supporting organizations like Point Ellice House (provincial), Robert Bateman Gallery (private institution) - concern for RBCM, businesses downtown - art hub and other non-profits. These issues will be coming forward in the next month with discussion of the budget. Question asked if the city would speak to [provincial government and express concern for what's happening for cultural centres? Problems are amplified in the downtown area; covid's impact as well.
- **Bank Street School Status Update**
New sturdier fences will be put up in the (email sent earlier today). Building contact was away for the past 2 weeks and Marg will be following up with regarding the ownership of the school and decision makers.

Chair/Co-Chair Update

Murray and Ryan provided a brief update and summarized the work of board members and neighbourhood coordinator.

- **Bank St School Redevelopment Committee** has been reactivated - met last week. Goal is for SJNA and residents to have input on the future of the school and what it's used for, as well considering the whole site/Sundance School.
- There is a lot of support in the neighbourhood for saving the building - using it as a cultural centre, art facility, community centre, etc. SJNA believes the neighbourhood should have some input in its future.
- Letter writing and outreach to school board and city hall has started.

- Co-chairs noted that SJNA is always welcoming new board members and we are looking for new members to replace outgoing members in 2023.

Treasurer's Update

- SJNA received the City's Get Growing micro grant - \$500 in 2022, \$500 in 2023 - funds will go towards tools after door to shed has been installed at Redfern.
- Noted Redfern Commons project continues to be the main source of expenses.
- Will be renewing our neighbourhood insurance to increase the liability; costs are covered by the City of Victoria.
- Currently pricing out a sandwich board - leftover fund from Get Growing Grant ~\$700 - with whiteboards on both sides, multi-purpose for all events and activities
- Starting for preliminary pricing out for Park Fest - June 17/18 event (TBC)
 - Confirmed that Base Grant Funds can be used for the ParkFest
 - Some discretion in Coordinator funds - not explicitly for 1 person, could support additional event coordinator
- Question for Neighbourhood Engagement Coordinator grant - current budget is supported in 2023. Funding is received in July after property tax revenue. North Jubilee sharing of funds is in discussion.
- Recently met with The Good City Project <https://thegoodcityproject.ca/> - Aryze, Big Wheel Burger, Synergy Enterprises - at Redfern Commons to discuss the project. We are hoping for extra funding from the Good City Project. It has not been confirmed yet.

Community Outreach & Recycling

- Recycling day discussion: Turnout is larger from multi-residential housing/single-family homes where we can hand-deliver newsletters
- Condo/apartment outreach and communication is minimal - discussion to contact building management directly about recycling to promote it as a service that benefits their waste management as well.
- Recycling sorting is limited in apartment buildings due to size and set up
 - Looking for recycling of odds and ends (paint cans, fluorescent lightbulb, etc.) - could inquire with businesses like Home Depot to do a collection program as a location?
 - Should we advertise for this event around the perimeter of the neighbourhood with signage (vinyl banner?) Multiple sandwich boards?
 - Q Apartments has a expanded recycling program in their building.
 - CRD is responsible for recycling; our recycling page is listed in CRD page for recycling:
<https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/recycle/myrecyclopeda/facilities>

VCAN Update - [VCAN](#) or www.thevcn.wordpress.com

- **"Cool Kit" Presentation from Dawn Moorhead** - will be at the Community of Practice meeting on April 5. She will present at SJNA's June meeting (AGM).
- Cool Kit is a program concerning climate change and urban forestry. Citizens can do mapping of neighbourhood themselves. Has been adopted by council, UBC project.

- Major concerns about developments in the city is the lack of greenspace/canopy and is a concern for all neighbourhood associations
- **CALUC Chair Meeting**
VCAN would also like to invite every CALUC chair of neighbourhood associations to a meeting - to have a discussion about how we get the city more involved in CALUC meetings and how NAs can get clearer guidelines from the City and speed up communications.
 - Suggestion to Review MMP Governance Report and get ready to respond in the next few days as council will be preparing to discuss in April/May

Greening Committee Update

- There has been a great turn out for gardening volunteers - 60 volunteers have contributed 85 hours! They have helped with soil, planting, edging, building shed, mason bee house. Thank you!
- Grants - micro grant MGN - Jawl Family has donated supplies for the wood, Gräscale Developments (GDI) has offered services at a reduced price, and a \$5000 donation from the good city Project Big Wheel Burger/Aryze Developments/Synergy Enterprises)
- Kathleen and Erin provided an update about Redfern Commons: aim is to be finished at the beginning of June. Some planting left and as well as construction of demonstration beds. We are preparing to submit the final plans to the City for the structure for approval. Jawl has a material list and will be dropping them off at the site. Gräscale will be building the structures. City has provided irrigation, picnic tables, free soil, leaf mulch, wood chips, and installation of the bike rack. Thank you to our supporters and volunteers!
- Note: Protocol for abandoned bikes is in city bylaws - Check Victoria Connects app to report stolen bikes:
<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/online-services/connectvictoria-app.html>
 - Stolen Bicycle Avengers group on Facebook
- Suggestion to approach Threshold housing to provide funding for a role to take care of Redfern Garden going forward and to continue supporting volunteers?

CALUC Update

Gail provided an update about current active projects:

- **Aryze Developments Fort St will be included in Public Hearing April 13th at 6:30pm. If you have concerns about this development, please participate. Information has been posted on website, social media, and newsletter.**
- No other projects have any new activity.
- **Reminder to check Development Tracker for future updates**
- As noted at the last meeting, Gail would like to step down from CALUC role but will continue on temporarily while a replacement is found.

ParkFest Planning - Committee to be started this month!

- Date is tentatively June 10/11, 2023; planning sessions and volunteer call-outs to come in the coming weeks and months, Selina to lead the organizing.

- To work with Greening Committee to review the park construction timeline, inviting volunteers to plan music, activities, etc.

Other Business & Open Discussion

- **Donations to local community non-profits with funds raised by SJNA**

Murray recently wrote a letter to thank Charlayne Thornton-Joe for her service to SJNA. Susan suggested donation to Chinese Museum in honor of her. It was decided to bring this discussion to a board meeting and to creating a guideline/policy for annual donation budget so there are some guidelines in place for donations.

- **Board Members - New members needed**

Kathleen is stepping down from the Board at the end of the term in June. She will be staying on co leading the Redfern Commons Project and as Volunteer Coordinator. Gail also noted earlier she would like to step down from CALUC role but will continue on temporarily until a replacement is found.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm. **Next board meeting will tentatively be held June 6, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom (Annual General Meeting).**